



Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

Owyhee Soil Conservation District

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Counties Served Owyhee

Legislative District(s) Legislative District 23

Function or Conservation District Mission

To educate the farmer and rancher as well as the public about innovative conservation techniques, which enhance our natural resources and help to protect our nation's food supply.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- 25 applications were ranked under the EQIP General Fund
- 18 applications: over 1400 acres landowners, operators, ranchers, feeders were approved for funding for 2005
- Made improvements such as wind breaks, wetland areas, feed plots, ponds, spring have been installed to improve wildlife conditions
- Completed TMDL implementation plans for 303D listed streams
- Continued district building improvements to assure ADA-R
- Homedale Wetlands Partnership: 22 member collaborative effort to improve water quality and reduce pollution 4 ½ acres local creek.

Homedale Wetlands



Conservation District Priority # 1

- Water Quality - Reduce irrigation induced erosion to tolerable limits saving approximately 36, 846 tons of Owyhee top soil from run off, saving over 2500 acre feet of irrigation water.
- Cooperative partnership with OWC - Malheur County, Oregon. DEQ 319 grant Owyhee Restorative Incentive Program, goal to improve conditions of 25 miles riparian acreage.
- Assist with Owyhee Initiative Program 390 river miles and 511,000 acres.

Conservation District Priority #2

- Water Quality – Assisted with TMDL study, to apply resource planning implementation activities on the current 303 D list over 25000 acres
- Recently approved WQPA Program grant: goal to reduce pollution in approximately 2013 acres in Owyhee County

Conservation District Priority # 3

- Noxious Weed Education - Farmers Appreciation Day: Goal to improve awareness and decrease spread of noxious weeds, 30 producers attended received 3 units for Pesticide License Education.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Farmers Appreciation Day –Goal: Annual Pesticide Recertification – 30 producers attended, agenda: safety, storage, application, and record keeping.
- Cooperative Partnership Sponsored Summer Tour of Reynolds Creek prescribed-fire and juniper-management research project 18 participants
- Owyhee County Fair Booth - Public Outreach and Education
- Financial Support of local 4H and FFA – purchased 1 lamb with and add on dollars to 3 other purchases.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- Held Idaho Power pivot training workshop 23 producers attended.
- Renewed sign for advertisings at Homedale High School gym.
- Sponsored 3 middle school students to go to Natural Resources Camp.
- Recognized Farmer of year at annual banquet.
- Attended Legislative Luncheon in Boise.
- Sponsored Farmer Income Contest and provided food basket. Provided and maintained USDA Service Center building. Participated in Owyhee initiative workgroup.
- Worked on Owyhee County Subdivision committee. Participated in Jordan Valley Cooperative Weed Management tour to study leafy spurge growing along Boulder Creek stream banks in Owyhee County.
- Made financial contributions to: Marsing, FFA, Idaho Association Soil Conservations Districts Envirothon, Idaho State Forestry Contest, Idaho Ag in the Classroom; division, state and national groups annual dues.
- Homedale Wetland Project outdoor classroom 2300 student participated in Wetland Project

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners

OSCD work with the assistance of the following entities to plan, design and implement BMP for the preservation of our county: ISCC, NRCS, BLM, Homedale School District, South Board Irrigation District, Dept of Agriculture, Dept. of Fish and Game, Dept. of Environmental Quality, Dept of Water Resources, University of Idaho, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Usda Natural Resources Conservation Service, Usda – NRCS Plant Material Center, EPA, USDA Earth Team Volunteers.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
NRCS	Conservation	\$ 777,391
Homedale Wetlands	Water Quality/District Operation	\$ 104,992
Owyhee County	District Operation	\$ 3,000
State of Idaho	District Operation	\$ 9,029

Idaho Conservation Districts Community education and cooperation.

Homedale Wetland Outdoor classroom

